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1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE CALLED ON CAE
AMBASSADOR HERE MORNING OF AUGUST 4. LATTER SAID THAT
ON BASIS THREE NOTES SENT BY BRITISH EMBASSY, HE HAD
CALLED CABINET OF CAE PRIME MINISTER AFTER RETURN TO
PARIS ON AUG 3 TO RECOMMEND THAT GOLDSMITH BE RELEASED,
USING INTER ALIA THE ARGUMENT THAT NOT TO FREE HIM AFTER
RANDALL'S RELEASE WOULD BE DISCRIMINATORY. CABINET HAD
PROMISED TO GIVE CAE AMBASSADOR REPLY TODAY. ON THE
BASIS BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE, CAE AMBASSADOR
AGREED TO CALL CAE PM DIRECTLY TODAY AND ARGUE FOR
RELEASE. BRITISH AMBASSADOR URGED HIM TO REQUEST CLEAR
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR WHICH GOLDSMITH BEING DETAINED,
NOTED GOLDSMITH'S HEART CONDITION, AND MADE STRONG PLEA

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FOR CONSULAR ACCESS.

2. AFTER HEARING SUBSTANCE REFTEL, BRITISH EMBOFF REMARKED THAT TODAY'S CALL BY HIS AMBASSADOR ON CAE AMBASSADOR WOULD HOPEFULLY BE CONSIDERED BY CENTRAL AFRICANS AS COURTESY, NOT PRESSURE. IN VIEW REFTEL COUNSEL, EMBOFF SAID THAT HE WAS INCLINED TO RECOMMEND

THAT CAE AMBASSADOR HERE NOT BE CALLED TO LONDON FOR
PRESENT, A COURSE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD BEEN CONSIDERING.
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